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Indiana Department of Labor and Greenwood Partner to Offer Free Safety Training

INDIANAPOLIS (April 26, 2016) – INSafe, the Indiana Department of Labor's workplace safety and health consultation division, and the City of Greenwood are partnering to offer fall prevention training free of charge on May 4 in conjunction with the 2016 National Safety Standdown to stop fall injuries and deaths.

Falls are the leading cause of construction death. In 2014, 337 deaths in the United States were the result of falls from heights on a worksite. Falls are preventable, and that is the goal of the annual campaign organized by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

In March, the City of Greenwood's safety committee accepted a 2016 Governor's Workplace Safety Award in the "Rising Star" category during the Indiana Safety and Health Conference and Expo at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. The city's safety committee consists of representatives from each department. With Mayor Mark W. Myers's and Deputy Mayor Terry McLaughlin's support, the committee implemented training and successfully reduced the city's employee injury and illness rate by 43 percent.

"Safety has and will continue to be a top priority for Greenwood and my administration," said Myers. "When we create safer environments – for both the community and workplace – we create a better city. INSafe has been a great partner, and we look forward to providing this important training."

"The City of Greenwood demonstrates a commitment to improving safety and health policies for their employees," said Commissioner of Labor Rick J. Ruble. "Working together, we have the opportunity to positively impact the daily safety and health of many central Indiana workers."

The City of Greenwood continues to develop and implement new safety and health initiatives by partnering with INSafe to offer fall prevention training for construction companies and contractors. The training is offered free of charge.

Save the Date

What: Fall Prevention Training

When: May 4, 2016

9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Eastern Time

Where: Greenwood City Hall

300 S. Madison Avenue

Greenwood, IN

While the training opportunity is designed for construction companies and contractors, all are welcome to attend. Participants can register online, and all attendees who complete the course will receive a certificate of participation following the event.

Register online at www.in.gov/dol/2876.htm. For questions about this free training, please email insafe@dol.in.gov. Seating is limited; please register early.

About the Indiana Department of Labor:

The mission of the Indiana Department of Labor is to advance the safety, health and prosperity of Hoosiers in the workplace. In order to make significant strides, we emphasize both enforcement and voluntary compliance by employers. Follow the Indiana Department of Labor on Twitter: @INDeptofLabor and Like on Facebook: facebook.com/IndianaDeptartmentofLabor.

About INSafe:

INSafe, a division of the Indiana Department of Labor, works with Indiana's employers, employees, labor unions, professional groups, trade organizations and others to ensure workplace health and safety. Services include on-site consultations, educational publications and training materials, group training and seminars, and pro-active voluntary safety and health programs designed to bring employers and employees together to create and maintain health working environments. Learn more at www.in.gov/dol/insafe.htm.